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going to offer, as the introducers of this bill have indicated, a credit for anybody that produces a job at any time as long as they manufacture or provide a capital investment of a hundred or two hundred thousand dollars, whatever it is, then by golly I think agricultural investments also should qualify. If it is good for one, it is good for all. We need jobs and I don't think it should matter whether it is in agricultural production, manufacturing, capital intensive, services, whatever the case may be. If the philosophy of LB 560 is a good one, if it is a good one, then we need to encourage jobs and you do that by not singling out some industries or capital intensive industries. You also look at those service industries like agribusiness, like agriculture. So I think that the Vickers amendment is quite in keeping with the introducers' intent, and I think we ought to adopt it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body....

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck, just a moment, please. We really don't believe the member can be heard unless you are quieter. Thank you very much. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, I am sure that Senator Vickers and Senator Newell are opposed to the bill itself and they are using this as a ploy to kill the bill. We must remember that there are very few farms that are corporation farms and this is a corporate bill. A corporate bill would be those who are corporates could expand or come in and invest in new industry and hire people and put a lot of money into our economy and this is actually what we want. My feeling was that if we become too competitive in the farm enterprises, then we will be hurt in the farm community by some large corporations and which this is what we do not want. We talked about expanding. If an ordinary farmer, one that does not...is not in a corporation would want to expand his business to \$100,000 and hire two or three people, he could not take advantage of this. So why should we let the corporation take advantage of us and that is basically why we took out the farm feedlots. So I am opposed to the Vickers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Vickers amendment? If not, Senator Vickers, do you want to add anything? Senator Pappas. Senator Vickers, do you want to close?